

SENATE BILL 755  
By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2,  
relative to an extended year reading intervention program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, is amended by  
adding the following new section:

Section 49-2-2\_\_\_\_. The board of education of each school district shall establish  
an extended year state board-approved reading program for students identified as below  
grade level on reading assessments in kindergarten (K) through grade three (3). The  
program shall be the equivalent of forty (40) hours of instruction. Subject to  
appropriation, all costs of the extended year reading intervention program shall be  
reimbursed by the state, with the exception of transportation which shall be reimbursed  
at an amount not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00) per student per session. For the  
purpose of program reimbursement, the state department of education shall adopt  
reporting forms, establish reporting dates, and adopt such additional guidelines and  
standards as necessary to accomplish the program goals that every child will read  
fluently and comprehend printed text on grade level by the end of the third grade.  
Districts shall apply for intervention program reimbursement based on the average daily  
membership reporting procedure developed and administered by the state department of

education. Intervention program participation and effectiveness by school and district shall be presented annually to the state board, the general assembly, and the governor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.